

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A recording method comprising the steps of:
providing a recording medium with a recording-limited area where recording is limited in which prescribed information is recorded, and which is recognized as a ~~defective~~ non-recording area;
canceling the recording limit in said recording-limited area so that recording of information in said recording-limited area can be performed; and
recording new information different from said prescribed information in said recording-limited area.
2. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.
3. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a canceling the recording limit using predetermined software.
4. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a step of, after providing said recording medium and prior to the canceling of said recording limit, of issuing an instruction to record said recording medium; and

a step of issuing an instruction for displaying predetermined information when the recording instruction has been issued.

5. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.

6. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said predetermined information is recorded in said recording medium.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said predetermined information is displayed via an external information distribution means.

9. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit limits recording by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.

10. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing said new information.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of decrypting information, comprising the steps of:

providing a recording medium comprising a recording-limited area in which prescribed information is recorded and which is recognized as a non-recording ~~defective~~ area and

information about the position of said recording-limited area is in an encrypted form; and
decrypting said information about the position in the encrypted information by
predetermined software.

12. (Original) An information decrypting method according to Claim 10, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising a recording-limited area in which prescribed information is recorded, which is recording-limited such that it is recognized as a non-recording defective-area, wherein the recording limit is canceled by reading predetermined information.

14. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

15. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein said predetermined information and said allocation information are recorded at the same location.

16. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.